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SUBJECT: AMERICAN TOURISTS IN IN JAIL

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1. IN MY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON, I REITERATED OUR CONCERN ABOUT AMERICAN TOURISTS BEING JAILED FOR UNWITTING VIOLATIONS OF JAMAICA'S FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTROLS. I RECOUNTED THE LAST THREE "HORROR" STORIES. HE SAID HE SHARED MY CONCERN AND HAD INSTRUCTED THE POLICE THAT ALTHOUGH AMERICANS WHO VIOLATE THE EXCHANGE CONTROL LAW SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ARRESTED, THEY SHOULD NOT BE JAILED IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR ARREST WERE THE SAME AS IN THE ARBUCKLE CASE. ALSO THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY TO MEET WITH ME TO DEVISE A LONG-

TERM SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM (MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 29).

2. UPON MY RETURN TO THE EMBASSY, I LEARNED THAT FOUR
AMERICAN TOURISTS WERE ARRESTED TODAY BUT AFTER ARRAIGN-

MENT WERE IMMEDIATELY RELEASED ON THEIR OWN/RECOGNIZANCE. IRVING

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